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Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1.-6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) A method for coating a surface of a component, comprising:
applying a mask having a layer of ceramic powder ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a
zirconium oxide powder to an uncoated area of the surface of the component;
coating of the component; and
removing the mask by dry ice blasting.

8. (original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the mask is formed from a suspension
with the ceramic powder.

9. (original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the mask is formed from a paste with
a ceramic powder.

10. (cancelled).

11. (original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein an aluminum layer is applied to the
component.

12. (original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the coating is applied by a chemical
vapor deposition process.

13. (original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the component is a part of a turbine.

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14. (original) A method according to Claim 13, wherein the part of the turbine is a turbine blade.

15-22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the mask comprises an organic binding agent for adhering the mask to the component during coating.

24. (canceled)

25. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the coating is spray or vapor deposited.

26. (canceled)